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CHP LEADERS FROM ALL DISTRICTS EXPECTED AT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Eighty health planning leaders--nearly all of whom are involved in local, area or State CHP efforts--are expected to attend the March Leadership Conference. The Conference will be held on March 2,3,4 and 5 in Helena in the House Chambers, and is being conducted by the University of California's Berkeley CHP staff. The Conference is being made possible through a grant requested by the American Public Health Association. The first day's activities will include orientation into CHP, which will be followed by a teaching session on the planning process conducted by the Berkeley staff, which is headed by Henrik Blum, M.D. During the next two days, participants will gain insight into the planning process by working on pertinent state-wide health problems which the CHP staff has been documenting. There are four problem areas available to participants including dental caries, manpower, migrant health and environmental health. The Conference will be broken into four units to study the four problem areas with the faculty and Montana resource persons. The fourth and final day of activity will consist of a half day seminar attempting to explain, "where to from here." Those persons attending, who are interested in grants and grant programs, will have the opportunity to discuss their questions with a representative of the Denver CHP office.

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ALL QUIET ON THE 'EASTERN' FRONT

It became apparent shortly after the EMCHA was refunded by OEO that one of the partners in this health effort--the indispensable physician--was not altogether satisfied with the progress being made. A meeting was held January 17 at which time physicians and the Executive Board of the EMCHA met. The existing differences were resolved when the EMCHA accepted a resolution by the physicians which will create a medical advisory committee consisting of various health professionals appointed by their respective health organizations.

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LOW-INCOME TASK FORCE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Task Force established by the Personal Health Services Committee of the State CHP Advisory Council to investigate the delivery of health care to low-income people in Montana was held January 19 in Billings. Members of that Task Force include Paul Carpino, Missoula, chairman; Mrs. Lorraine Montoya, Butte; Ruth Phillips, Anaconda; June VanPelt, Missoula; Sister Providencia, Great Falls; Milo Dean, Great Falls; Donna Hatton, Missoula; P.R. Crellin, M.D., Billings; Alice Snodgrass, Ashland; John Daniels, M.D., Missoula; Pete Coffey, Wolf Point; Doris Archuletta, Great Falls; Bob Fabel, Rocky Boy; George Richter, Helena; and, Jack Carlson, Helena. Activities at this first meeting were largely organizational.

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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN NEW CHP LEGISLATION

Although the text of the new legislation dealing with CHP, which is being proposed to Congress by the Administration, has not yet been made available, there have been numerous reports about various sections of it which are of interest to us all. First, is the omission of the prohibition against the interference with existing patterns of private practice. Second, the major focus of the draft proposal is to provide authority and encouragement for experimentation in the development of effective health care systems. More consolidation of CHP and Regional Medical Program activities is seen as one step. CHP agencies would need representation from RMP agencies, something which already exists in Montana, and RMP proposals would be referred to state and areawide CHP agencies for review and comment on their consistency with comprehensive health planning efforts. Third, there exists the feeling that not enough emphasis is being placed--in this proposal--on the ecological perspective of health planning; that is, one that doesn't separate man from the environment in which he lives.

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MEDICINE & HEALTH DETAILS CHP BUDGET

President Nixon's budget asks \$247.2 million for the CHP program, an increase of \$37.9 million over the request for Fiscal 1970. The increase includes \$34 million more for health services project grants, \$30 million of which actually is a transfer of funds from OEO along with responsibility for ongoing Neighborhood Health Centers.

MISSOULA SEEKING
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Representatives of the Denver Regional CHP office will be in Missoula this month to discuss with CHP and the Low Income Group on Human Treatment (LIGHT) leaders the possibility of 314(e) funding of a community health center.

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BILLINGS MAKING EFFORT
TO SERVE LOW -INCOME
PEOPLE

There are indications that the South Central Regional Health Planning Council is seeking a solution to the problem of providing health services to its low-income populace in Billings via the health center out-patient concept. Colvin Agnew, M.D., president of that organization was recently in Denver to discuss the matter with Regional representatives.

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SCRHPC REQUESTS
SITE PERMITS

The Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Health Planning Council met in Billings January 23. Of special interest was a resolution coming from Thomas Moylan, M.D.,

Roundup, which stated: "A Problem for this organization to consider is that of land use designation. There is an urbanization process occurring on some of our irreplaceable agricultural and recreational lands. Factories and other installations have been and are being built without serious consideration of effects upon existing populations in the area." The resolution then urged development of a system of industrial site permits, legislation to protect the flood plains of the State's streams and rivers from a subdivision, and State rivers and State plains designation. Dr. Moylan pointed out that open space and unmodified land are essential to the health of Montanans in this increasingly crowded world, and that many other states are taking steps rapidly through legislative and community action to reserve these precious commodities.

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GOVERNOR'S HEALTH
CONFERENCE SLATED
FOR APRIL 17, 18

A Governor's Conference on Health Care Delivery Systems will be held in Helena April 17 and 18 in the House Chambers.

Scheduled speakers for the Conference will include Hon. John Melcher, representative of Montana's Eastern Congressional

District, and Max Fine, Executive Director of the Committee for National Health Insurance, Washington, D.C. Keynote speaker for the Conference will be John Hogness, M.D., Executive Vice-President of the University of Washington, who will speak on "Challenges in Health Care." A series of speakers will discuss the "Status of Health Care in Montana," prior to the presentation of "A Model Proposal for Montana," which is to be presented by Walter Uphoff, HEW Project Director, University of Colorado, and instigator of the meeting. "The Pros and Cons of National Health Insurance" will be discussed. Sidney C. Pratt, M.D. will chair a group discussion dealing with "How Prepaid Group Practice Concepts Might Be Adapted as a Dual Choice in Montana." The Conference is being sponsored jointly by Montana's Comprehensive Health Planning and Regional Medical Programs.

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DISTRICT 2 TO
ELECT OFFICERS

This last December the membership of the North Central Montana Health Planning Council elected a Board of Directors, which includes: Martina Arnoux, Browning; Gilbert Horn, Harlem;

Mr. Lloyd Billy, Rocky Boy; A.J. Hirschfield, M.D.; Thomas J. Underriner; Fred K. Holbrook; Margaret Ferguson; Orin Cure; Mrs. Ernest Elespuru; Floyd J. McDowell; Vincent Bosh; Don McClintock; Milo F. Dean; John Sunchild; Frances Gosney; J.A. Ross, M.D., Great Falls; Ester Sheets; Mrs. Moody Matheson, Chinook; Jim White; John C. Soderberg, Fort Benton; Otto Jensen; James R. Adams, Lewistown; Ed Morse, Denton; Frank Krshka, East Glacier; Robert Howard, Cut Bank; Fritz Naber; Bruce Thomson; Dennis Caldwell, Havre; Pat G. Kirby; Wendell Hansen, Stanford; Charles D. Good; Clarence J. Peterson, Chester; Stanley E. Wiggins, Rudy Glatz, Winnett; Joe Preputin, Brady; Mrs. Alicia O'Brien, Conrad; Mr. Roy Goodell, Dutton; J.R. Crabtree, M.D., Choteau; Robert Sisk; Levi Taft, Shelby. These Board members will be meeting shortly to elect officers for the organization.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET IN HELENA IN JUNE

The State Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning will meet in Helena on Friday, June 12, at 9 a.m. in St. Peter's Hospital. The Council is expected to take action on numerous committee recommendations, and will also elect a new chairman, as Dr. Frank McPhail, present Council chairman, has announced that he will not run for the position again.

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MARCH SEMINAR HELD DESPITE SNOW STORMS

The March CHP training sessions for State and areawide CHP leaders began on time and with good attendance despite one of the year's only big snow storms. The Berkeley staff used the first day of the seminar to discuss the philosophy and need for comprehensive community planning for health. The remainder of the seminar was used to study pertinent Montana health problems in a manner designed to further knowledge of the planning process. The final day, participants were asked to reflect on what had taken place and what should be done now. There were two immediate suggestions: (1) to develop a statement of philosophy, providing goals, objectives and activities and establish roles and relationships of the program; (2) to hold areawide seminars. A rough draft proposal of the resulting Statement of Philosophy has been completed and distributed to many areawide board members for comment.

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WIDE COVERAGE GIVEN LOW INCOME TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES

The 15-man task force, established by the Council's Personal Health Services Committee to study health care delivery to low-income persons, has received considerable news coverage. Hearings have been held in Helena, Anaconda, Butte, Bozeman, Mineral County, Ravalli County, Missoula, Great Falls, and Billings. Participants in the hearings, having been given the opportunity to air their views, criticized some aspects of the health and welfare systems and complimented others. The hearings, which were recorded, are being transcribed and, it is hoped, findings will be prepared and presented to the Personal Health Services Committee prior to the June meeting so the Committee can make recommendations for future planning actions to the Council at the annual June business meeting.

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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE EXAMINES SYSTEMS

The Governor's Conference on Health Care Delivery systems began with a look at the health status of Montanans and with an examination of the health problems inherent in a rural state. It then proceeded to discuss ways of alleviating health problems found in Montana. Financing mechanisms were discussed by Max Fine, executive Director of the Committee for National Health Insurance, and Dr. Drew Peterson, an AMA representative. Prepaid group practice was discussed from the podium and the floor. Tapes of the sessions are now being transcribed and, when published, will be made available to interested persons.

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EMCHA HIRES STAFF ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Eastern Montana Community Health Association, long without qualified staff, has hired Dennis Caldwell, formerly with the Northern Montana Hospital, Havre, to direct its planning activities. Caldwell assumed duties with the 16-county health association in March. At an April 25 Board meeting, new leadership was elected to the EMCHA, including Rolph Tunby, Plevna, president; Rev. C. Christofferson, Fallon, vice-president and W.B. Danner, M.D., Sidney, Secretary. The EMCHA is presently attempting to recruit a planning coordinator.

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ATTORNEY TO HEAD NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Orin Cure, a Great Falls attorney, was elected president of the North Central Health Planning Council by the Board of Directors at its April meeting. James Adams of Lewistown and Pat Kirby of Stanford were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively. Dr. J.R. Crabtree, Chouteau; Milo Dean, Great Falls; John Soderberg, Fort Benton; and, Clarence Peterson, Chester, were elected to the executive committee.

SEELEY -SWAN AREA
REQUESTS NURSE
PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

Citizens of the Seeley Lake area are actively seeking a program to make use of a nurse practitioner. A proposal for such a program was presented by the CHP and Nursing Divisions of the Department of Health in April. The proposed program would place

a public health nurse in this rural area which has a year round population of some 2,000 and a summer population of more than 30,000 on any given day. The nurse would launch preventive programs and be available for emergency treatment. She would also be communicating regularly with physicians in another area. The community is considering the use of subscriptions if federal funds cannot be found to launch the program. The program would be self-supporting on a fee-for-service basis after the first two years, if all goes as planned.

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NATIONAL HEALTH
EMPHASIS
RELAYED BY HEW

HEW Secretary Robert Finch recently identified the areas of emphasis he wanted department personnel to use as a guide in preparing long-range plans and budgets for the coming year. These include: (1) improving the health of the nation's children, particularly during the first five years; (2) extending the availability of family planning information and services; (3) increasing the supply of physicians and other skilled health manpower; (4) expanding efforts to improve the organization and delivery of health services, especially to the poor; (5) accelerating movement to prevent and control narcotic addiction, drug abuse and alcoholism; (6) meeting to a greater extent the health needs of migratory workers; (7) strengthening protection of the consumer and promoting a healthy environment.

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DISTRICT 4 MEETS
IN WHITEHALL

The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Areawide Health Planning Council met in Whitehall April 22. Discussion centered around organizational activities and plans for the coming months. The Gallatin component of the areawide has had significant success in its grass roots organizational activities. Neither Helena nor Butte--Model Cities communities--have been organized effectively for CHP. Efforts to correct this situation were initiated at the April meeting. Model Cities staff from both communities discussed with the areawide planning board their programs and possible ways to tie the organizations together. The group requested assistance of the State agency in organizing some of the uninvolved counties in the area. The Board also passed a resolution seeking the assistance of county medical societies in bringing representatives of the MEDEX Program out to their district to discuss with local physicians the possibility of using trained medical corpsmen on their medical teams.

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CHANGE IN BYLAWS
TO BE SOUGHT FROM
COUNCIL

The Council's executive committee met April 29 in Helena. Among the items considered and acted upon by the Committee was a proposed change in the bylaws. It was proposed that the date of the annual meeting be changed from the second Friday in June to the first Friday after Easter. The change was sought to get maximum input by the Council into the creation of the Agency's budget and annual work program. It was also recommended to the Council that the Areawide Planning Committee be expanded to include representation from the areawide organizations. The recommendation was approved by the Committee.

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AMA ON CHP

The text of a report of the American Medical Association's Committee on Planning and Development has been made available.

In discussing P.L. 89-749, the Committee made the following points to physicians attending the House of Delegates meeting: (1) medical societies at all levels should support the concept of P.L. 89-749 and aid, in every way possible; efforts to establish properly constituted planning agencies; (2) medical societies should actively support and promote the establishment of area-wide comprehensive health planning agencies, at local levels, that have broad community representation on their board of directors; (3) state and county medical societies should seek or, if necessary, demand their proper representation on the executive bodies of the planning councils; (4) state medical societies should make every effort to inform physicians and county medical societies of the details of P.L. 89-749, the role they should seek in areawide planning and their legal recourse if they are not accorded proper representation.

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EMCHA RECRUITING
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Dennis Caldwell, executive director of EMCHA, has announced his board's intentions to hire a program coordinator to handle the association's organizational and communications activities. The

job description supplied by Caldwell is as follows: "Planning Coordinator for 16 counties including two Indian Reservations, in Eastern Montana. Immediate vacancy. Salary negotiable with experience and education. Must be able to communicate with others, completely understand how to organize groups."

CHP, MODEL CITIES
COORDINATING WORK

Agency staff met with members of the Butte Model Cities Human Resources Council June 18 to discuss with this group their involvement and the involvement of Silver Bow County in the Southwestern Areawide Health Planning Council. A committee was established by the Council to look into the possible relationships that should exist between CHP and Model Cities. The State CHP staff has also met with Model Cities staff in Helena, which is currently considering proposing reorganization of its Health, Education and Welfare Committee, to eliminate duplication of organizational and planning efforts.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PLOTS COURSE FOR
NORTHCENTRAL DISTRICT

The Northcentral Areawide Health Planning Council's recently elected Executive Committee met in Great Falls May 14 to chart the future course of the Health Planning organization. The Committee decided that experts in environment, facilities planning, mental health, services and organization from the area should be contacted about discussing with the general membership problems, resources and possible solutions of health problems for which they have expertise. Letters of invitation have been sent to those persons with such backgrounds and the State CHP staff is now assisting the areawide organization in planning for this meeting.

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CHP STAFF, DEPT.
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NUMEROUS STUDY PROPOSALS GET GREEN LIGHT FROM STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Montana Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning, at its June 12 annual business meeting in Helena, approved funding of: (1) a demonstration project to test the health impact of a community nurse practitioner in an area without the services of a physician, and to delineate needed changes in the legal framework in which the nurse works and the training a nurse receives to make this member of the health team as effective as possible; (2) a feasibility study relating to the development of an academic and clinical training program leading to the degree of Master of Science in Medicine; (3) a feasibility study to test the possible effectiveness of a State system of site permits to maintain environmental quality in Montana; and, (4) a feasibility study regarding a mental health assistance training program.

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DR. HUGHETT REPLACES DR. McPHAIL AS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Dr. Bryce Hughett, Billings, replaced Dr. Frank McPhail, Great Falls, as Chairman of the Montana Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council. Dr. Hughett was Vice-Chairman. William Leary, Helena, Executive Secretary of the Montana Hospital Association, was elected Vice-Chairman.

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AREAWIDE LEADER AND BLUE CROSS EXECUTIVE NAMED TO COUNCIL

Mrs. Grace Bates, Manhattan, one of the prime movers in the organization of the Gallatin County Comprehensive Health Planning Association, and an active member of the South-western Areawide Health Planning Council, along with Virgil Miller, Great Falls Director of Montana's Blue Cross program, have been elected to the State Council, replacing Supreme Court Justice John Harrison, who had resigned and Richard White, Billings, health insurance executive, who left the State.

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ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN APRIL

The State Advisory Council has changed its annual meeting date from June to April. The change was made in an effort to get as much committee and Council input into the preparation of the annual budget as possible.

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LEGISLATIVE PROJECT NEEDED SAYS COMMITTEE

The Facilities Committee recommended to the Council that a special project be proposed to the legislature to test whether tuberculosis can be treated in general hospitals. The recommendation was accepted by the Council.

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STAFF ADDS SUMMER ASSISTANCE

Don Johnson is assisting the State staff during summer months with organizational efforts. Johnson, a Helena educator, has been speaking to State groups and organizing local communities to plan for health.

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TASK FORCE TAPES BEING TRANSCRIBED

Some 90 hours of taped material from the Low-Income Task Force deliberations is now being transcribed. The Personal Health Services Committee sought and received additional monies from the Advisory Council to compile a finished report of the findings of the Low-Income Task Force study of the delivery of health care to low-income persons. Seven-hundred and fifty copies of the finished report will be published.

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METHODIST CHURCH
ENDORSES CHP EFFORT

✓ The annual conference of the United Methodist Church of Montana was held in Billings the week of June 21. The conference is held for lay leaders and ministers in the Church. During this conference, numerous short seminars on CHP were held. During the general assemblies held at the end of the week, the members of the Yellowstone Conference of the United Methodist Church endorsed the philosophy and intent of the CHP program and recommended that local churches throughout the State be asked to find ways of making membership and constituency aware of the issues in the contemporary health care crisis and the work of the CHP program.

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EMCHA ADDS STAFF,
PRODUCES NEWSLETTER

The Eastern Montana Community Health Association has added two organizers to its staff and has begun production of a monthly newsletter. The two new staff members are Woody Ekegren, Harlowton and Joe Gagliardi, St. Louis, Missouri. Among the association's most recent activities is the development of a 314(b) application for federal funds for health planning.

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RECOGNITION GRANTED
AREAWIDES, STATE
COMMITTEE REORGANIZED

The Areawide Health Planning Committee has been reorganized to include the chairman of each of the five areawide organizations as voting members. The group met under this new arrangement for the first time June 11. At that time, a 314(b) application from the Eastern Montana Community Health Association was considered along with funding of personnel at the areawide level to carry out communications activities. The Advisory Council granted recognition to the five areawide organizations, delayed further action on the 314(b) application until such time as matching money had been garnered and gave approval to the Agency's desire to fund local communications activities.

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MEDEX SEMINAR TO BE
HELD FOR INTERESTED
PHYSICIANS

✓ Dr. Raymond Vath, a member of the Medex staff at the University of Washington, as well as physicians using Medex personnel (University trained corpsmen) will be in Butte, August 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. to discuss with interested physicians in Montana the applicability of Medex people and just how the program works. A personal letter is being sent to all Montana physicians inviting those who would be interested to attend this meeting. The meeting is being sponsored by the Southwestern Areawide Health Planning Council.

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SEELEY COMMUNITY
SOLICITING FUNDS
FOR LOCAL NURSE

Citizens of the Seeley-Ovando-Swan area are going door-to-door in an effort to raise \$5,000 which can be matched with CHP funds to secure a nurse practitioner program for their communities. Once the funds are raised, it will be possible for Miss Elsie Toavs, a highly trained public health nurse now working in the Department of Health's Nursing Division, to set the program up.

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DISTRICT 4 BOARD
MEETS JULY 9

Members of the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Area-wide Health Planning Council met in Whitehall, July 9, to prepare for its annual business meeting this fall. An attempt will be made at the fall meeting to discuss with the general membership the facilities, manpower, environmental, planning and personal health services needs of the area by persons with expertise in these areas of health. The meeting will also serve to elect board members and officers.

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COMMITTEE MEETS TO
CONSIDER CONTRACT
FOR M of M PROPOSAL

Bob Johnson, Acting Director of CHP, met with Jessie Bierman, M.D. and Charles Parker, Ph.D., professor at the University of Montana, who is handling the details of the Master of Medicine proposal, on July 1, to work out details of the contract which will enable this feasibility study to begin.

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NORTHWEST AREAWIDE
COUNCIL DISCUSSES
GRANT

The Northwest Areawide Health Planning Council met in Polson June 10 to discuss: a grant proposal from Planned Parenthood of Missoula seeking a family planning program for the area; the Master of Medicine proposal; the Community Nurse proposal; and, to report on the gathering of local money to assist the organization in obtaining clerical services.

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NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETS IN FORT BENTON

A general membership meeting of the North Central Areawide Health Planning Council was held in Fort Benton Thursday, October 8. The meeting was held for the educational benefit of the membership and to assist in the process of establishing areawide priorities, and featured discussions of environmental health needs, the manpower problem in the North Central district, mental health, facilities planning and organizational needs. A panel discussion of the State Advisory Council's task force study of the delivery of health care to low-income persons was also presented.

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BIMONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT IS INITIATED

The state CHP office began publishing a bimonthly (every two months) activities report last month. Reported activities relate directly to the goals and objectives as presented in Section five of the CHP Fiscal Year 1971 Program. The first report, covering the months of July and August, is presently in the process of being mailed to a large number of people throughout the state. It is hoped that this tool will help both the staff and the Advisory Council evaluate the program more effectively. If you have not received a copy of this report and wish to obtain one, please contact this office.

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GALLATIN COUNTY CHP UNIT ASSISTS IN MENTAL HEALTH

An effort to create a comprehensive mental health district in the Helena, Butte, Bozeman area has been aided by the involvement of the Gallatin County CHP unit. The initial effort to create the district and to provide comprehensive mental health services to residents began in Silver Bow County. Lewis and Clark County commissioner support followed. The third community in the area, Bozeman, held meetings to discuss the proposal. At the last meeting, a panel organized by the Gallatin County unit discussed the need for a mental health program in the area. Following local presentations on the need, representatives from Warm Springs explained the particulars of the program to all in attendance. It is now expected that commissioners from Gallatin County will subscribe to the commitments necessary to create a mental health district, which will encompass the Helena, Butte, Bozeman area.

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HELENA MODEL CITIES, CHP TO FORMULATE JOINT EFFORT

At a recent meeting of the Helena Model Cities HEW committee, a proposal by the State CHP staff to increase the involvement within the "H" component of the committee was presented. The proposal sought also to have the "H" component of the committee serve as the local arm of areawide comprehensive health planning. A motion endorsing the proposal was passed by the committee.

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DISTRICT IV ELECTS BOARD

The first annual business meeting of the Southwestern Area-wide Health Planning Council was held in Helena in the House Chambers Saturday, September 26. Following presentations on environmental health, clinical labs, facilities planning, the manpower shortage, and organizational structures, a new board was elected. The new board members include: Sister Mary Canjar, Becky Harrington, Rudy Menghini, Glen Hegdahl and Lester Zeihen, Silver Bow County; Dave Thomas, Jerry Leavitt, Zack Stevens and Ralph Samson, Lewis and Clark County; Dr. Wayne Thompson, Cliff Pasha, Winona Verwolf and the Rev. Bob Phelps, Gallatin County; Warren Croston, H. F. Morris and Ramona Ritthaler, Deer Lodge; Phil Loucks and Neil Morgan, Madison; C. T. Holland and Henry Schreiner, Broadwater; Ruth Williams and Phyllis Sullivan, Park County; Jim Pomroy and James Dickinson, Beaverhead County; and Dr. Richard Sims, Jefferson County. A transcribed report of the presentations made at this first annual business meeting is now being developed and will be available in the immediate future for anyone wishing to read it.

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HELENA HOSPITAL BOARDS
MEET TO LEARN ABOUT CHP

A joint meeting of Helena's St. Peter's, St. John's and Shodair Hospital boards was held the first of September to inform the boards of Montana's comprehensive health planning efforts. Following a discussion of comprehensive health planning and questions relating to the program, a resolution was presented to the various board members by the CHP staff. The resolution, now being considered by the individual boards, would establish a liaison committee consisting of members from the three boards.

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EMCHA AND BOARD OF HEALTH
COLLABORATE ON GLASGOW MEET

The Eastern Montana Community Health Association and the State Department of Health conducted a joint meeting in Glasgow October 8. The purpose of the meeting was to have members of the Department of Health and local residents sit together in workshop sessions to explore means of solving four specific health needs in a five-county area consisting of Roosevelt, Valley, Sheridan, Daniels, and Phillips counties. Earlier, members of the EMCHA committee had selected four priority areas consisting of immunization needs, environmental problems relating to mosquitoes, care to the aged, and the health needs of mothers and children as the areas in which assistance from the Department was desired. Roland Pratt, Helena, and Merle Fitz, M.D., Scobey, chaired the workshop session dealing with the creation of on-going, long-range immunization programs. Vern Sloulin, Helena, and a sanitarian, Lloyd Lundquist, Wolf Point headed the session dealing with environmental problems; Mary Soules, M.D., Helena, and Miss Delcie Schartner, Valley County Public Health Nurse, headed the session dealing with the health needs of mothers and children; and Mel Lindburg, Helena, and the Rev. Thomas Boe, Wolf Point, chaired the session dealing with the delivery of quality care to the aged.

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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE
MATERIAL READY

The transcribed material of the Governor's Conference on Health Care Delivery, held in Helena this last April, has arrived in Helena and will be ready for distribution in the near future.

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OPTOMETRISTS ENDORSE CHP

A member of the State CHP staff was on hand at the annual meeting of the Montana Optometric Association when it met in East Glacier this past July to discuss the State CHP program and to solicit endorsement of the program. The MOA went on record as endorsing the philosophy and intent of the program and sought to become actively involved in the program. A member of the MOA, Dr. Jim Wilkins of Helena, was later appointed to the State Advisory Council's personal health services committee.

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DISTRICT II GETS
COORDINATOR

Pete Frazier has been hired by the State CHP Office to serve as coordinator of comprehensive health planning activities for District II. Mr. Frazier, who will reside in Fort Benton, will spend 40% of his time providing sanitarian services for Liberty and Chouteau counties and 60% of his time as coordinator for the State CHP Program in District II.

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SOUTH CENTRAL GROUP
HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The South Central Health Planning Council met in Billings Thursday, October 1, to conduct its annual meeting. Presentations relative to a "crisis center" program for Billings, planning efforts of Billings hospitals and emergency health planning were delivered. Colvin Agnew, M.D., Billings, was re-elected as Council President.

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SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED
ABOUT MEDEX PROGRAM

Some 35 people, mostly nurses and physicians, attended a meeting August 29 in Butte to discuss with persons in the University of Washington's Medex program some of the details of the program. Following a presentation by members of the Medex program staff, a private physician, who is using one of the University-trained corpsmen in his private practice, related his experiences. This preceptor, who practices in a rural Washington community, relayed that following his initial interest in the program, he went and sold the program to

members of his community. The Medex person working with him was doing, among other things, part of the school physicals, surgical assists, minor emergencies and daily nursing home visits. "His presence hasn't cut down at all on our office hours, but we are taking better care of our community," the preceptor said. When questioned about community acceptance, the preceptor relayed that "there was absolutely no problem."

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DISTRICT 1 ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 17

Missoula.

The annual business meeting of the Northwest Areawide Health Planning Council will be held Saturday, October 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Pine Room of the Florence Hotel in Mis-

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EHC CONTRACTS WITH UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FOR SITE PERMIT STUDY

The Environmental Health Committee of the Montana Advisory Council on Comprehensive Health Planning has contracted with the University of Montana to conduct a study to investigate the fiscal, administrative and environmental feasibility of a statewide system of environmental site permits. Dr. Christopher Field, Professor of Geography at the University of Montana, will conduct the research program, to be completed by October, 1971.

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EHC COMMENDS GOVERNOR ANDERSON FOR HIS ENDORSE- MENT OF MEPA OF 1971

The Environmental Health Committee of the Montana Advisory Council on Comprehensive Health Planning recently commended Governor Forrest H. Anderson for his endorsement of the policies contained within the proposed Montana Environmental Policy Act of 1971. The letter concluded, "Your action in adopting and implementing these policies can place Montana in the forefront among her sister states in providing a healthful, invigorating environment for each of its residents." In a separate letter, the EHC urged the Natural Resources Council to act to adopt the recommendations of Governor Anderson.

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EHC PRESENTS PROGRAM TO ACPL

George Darrow, Chairman of the Environmental Health Committee, acting on behalf of the EHC, addressed the Advisory Council for Planning Legislation, a committee advising the Department of Planning and Economic Development, on Friday, September 18, in Helena. Mr. Darrow informed that body of the goals and programs of the EHC.

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NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN SEELEY LAKE

The State CHP Office's effort to test the effectiveness of a public health nurse in a medically isolated area materialized in September with the placement of Miss Elsie Toavs, a highly-trained public health nurse from the Department of Health, in the Seeley community. Physicians C. G. "Pat" McCarthy, Missoula, and W. F. Bennett, Columbia Falls, serve as the community nurse's advisory committee. Prior to his resignation as public health officer for Missoula County, Dr. Kenneth Lampert also served on this board. The advisory board has recently been enlarged to include representatives of the nursing profession. This representation includes representatives of the nursing associations, nursing education, and public health nursing. The next meeting of this advisory committee is scheduled for November 12.

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IMPROVED LIAISON SOUGHT

Dr. Sidney Pratt, Director of the Regional Medical Program in Montana, and Russ Hegland, Executive Secretary of the Montana Medical Association, have been contacted by CHP in an attempt to improve communication and promote better understanding between the related programs and associations. Agreements have been reached which will increase the amount of information and communication provided by each organization. It is anticipated that future speaking engagements will be traded on a much more frequent basis. The CHP program is presently attempting to improve its communications work in order that understanding and participation will be assured for any group or individual who may be interested in CHP's program goals and objectives.

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MERGER OF HILL-BURTON, CHP COUNCILS ENDORSED

The Montana State Advisory Council for Comprehensive Health Planning approved a motion to merge the Hill-Burton and State CHP Councils into one at its December 3rd semi-annual business meeting in Helena. The idea of the merger was proposed in an effort to bring the two health department divisions involved directly in planning under more singular direction, and to reduce the financial outlay necessary to maintain two separate councils.

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MASTER OF MEDICINE STUDY IS TERMINATED

The physician's assistant feasibility study has been terminated due to the resignation of Dr. Charles Parker, project director. Earlier this month, the State Advisory Council requested a re-evaluation of the study which was instituted at the University of Montana this fall. Early project findings revealed the need for a new direction for the study, and at a recent meeting of representatives of the U of M, the CHP staff and the Advisory Council it was agreed that to continue the project to its conclusion would be impractical.

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CHANGES MADE IN NEW CHP LEGISLATION

The President recently signed new legislation extending CHP. There is one significant change. It will now be possible for the State CHP agency to apply for funds to conduct areawide planning programs or, more specifically, in support of areawide programs, in those areas of the State where an application has not been sought or would not likely be sought. Another change would mandate VA representation and RMP representation on the State CHP Council. Montana's CHP agency has long had the involvement of RMP in its State Council.

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AREA FOUR ELECTS OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the Southwestern Areawide Health Planning Council met in Butte November 19 and elected officers for the coming year. Gerald Leavitt, Helena, St. Peter's Hospital administrator, was elected president of the organization. Other officers elected include Mr. Harold F. Morris, Anaconda, vice president; Dr. Wayne Thompson, Bozeman, treasurer; and Zack Stevens, Lincoln, secretary.

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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES PLANNING DISTRICTS

Planning districts, created by the State Department of Planning and Economic Development, have been announced by the Governor who has urged State agencies to use the districts in their planning efforts. Fortunately, the 12 districts fit well into the five districts created by the State Advisory Council. It will be possible, according to the DPED, to combine, but not to split, districts. Therefore, the impact on areawide planning regions will be minimal. The State CHP office is now in the process of communicating with the DPED about the possibility of a joint meeting with the state areawide committee on the role areawide planning and state health planning will play in the planning district concept.

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HELENA HOSPITAL PLEDGES COOPERATION

Recently, the CHP staff discussed the CHP concept with board members from three hospitals in Helena. Following the formal discussions a letter of mutual intent was discussed. In essence, the letter asked that the undersigned hospitals create a liaison committee

consisting of members from each of the hospitals to meet regularly for the purpose of exploring cooperative long-range planning, support of areawide planning and mutual cooperation. Thus far, the letter has been signed by the president of the board of trustees of St. Peter's Hospital and it is hoped that board officers of the other two hospitals will sign the agreement shortly.

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WORKING COMMITTEES SELECTED IN AREA II

The five working committees named by the North Central Areawide Health Planning Council are manned and ready to begin work, according to Pete Frazier, Area II coordinator.

The committees and their members are: Environment Committee: Vincent J. Bosch, Great Falls; Robert A. McCormick, Shelby; Joe H. Preputin, Brady; Ruth Ensley, Great Falls; John Tovson, Great Falls; Dr. R. E. Lauritzen, Great Falls. Health & Manpower: Vivian L. Ellis, Great Falls; Thad Diebel, Havre; Mercedes Strain, Great Falls; Peter F. Malen, Great Falls; Esther Lantz, Great Falls; Dr. J. A. Ross, Great Falls. Health Facilities: Milo F. Dean, Great Falls; Floyd J. McDowell, Great Falls; Raymond B. Becich, Harlem; G. H. Moeller, Havre; Thomas Underriner, Great Falls; John P. Connor, Great Falls; John Pfaff, Jr., M.D., Great Falls. Health Services: Kathryn Turcotte, Havre; Dorothy Elespuru, Great Falls; Bob Silverthorn, Great Falls; Dr. J. R. Brewer, Havre; D. P. Lesh, Conrad; Franklin Bradford, Great Falls. Health Planning: Lewis Hagener, Great Falls; Charles Good, Chester; Alicia O'Brien, Conrad; Dr. Sidney Pratt, Great Falls; Fritz Naber, Havre; Fred K. Holbrook, Great Falls. The committees include one dealing with environmental health, facilities, manpower planning, and personal health services. The environmental health committee is scheduled to hold its first work session Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Montana Power Building in Great Falls. The facilities committee is scheduled to meet January 13 in the Forum Room of Columbus Hospital in Great Falls.

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GALLATIN COUNTY, STATE CHP GROUPS SPONSOR PROJECT

At the December meeting of the State Advisory Council it was recommended that the Gallatin County CHP organization and the Montana Department of Health be asked to

jointly develop a prototype program to organize and train a cadre of citizen observers from the residents of the Gallatin area who would act to assist in identifying, locating and monitoring sources of environmental pollution and other components of environmental quality.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS CLARIFICATION IS MADE

Confusion of length of terms for some of the original members of the State Advisory Council was clarified at the December meeting of the Advisory Council. It was recommended by Dix Shevalier that the bylaws be made to reflect in language the original intent of that part of the bylaws dealing with tenure of members. It was originally intended to mean, according to Council members, that each person should be eligible for a maximum of two full terms on the Advisory Council instead of just two terms.

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AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSN. DEVELOPS HEALTH PLAN

A system of health care corporations has been proposed by the American Hospital Association in a report requested by the AHA to recommend a stand on National Health Insurance. "Ameriplan," the proposed name of the plan, would pay for health maintenance and catastrophic illness coverage of those who choose to join the groups through federal and private financing. Coverage of the poor would be provided by the federal government and the aged would be covered by the Social Security system. Details of the proposal will be reviewed by the AHA House of Delegates at its January meeting in Washington, D. C.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL ADOPTS SOME LOW INCOME STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS, ASKS TIME TO STUDY OTHERS

Nearly forty recommendations have been compiled by members of the CHP task force studying health care delivery to low income persons. Although the report is not as yet in final form, the committee was able to make recommendations from the mountains of material collected and transcribed during the study. An estimated 90 hours of taped interviews have been transcribed. Receiving Council approval in December were recommendations to: Support or develop legislative proposals which would revise the Public Housing Authority Enabling Act to eliminate the requirement for referendums on the creation of a public housing authority and on the authorization

of the construction of new units; support of the development of legislation which would raise the rent and utility allowance currently being followed by the Welfare Department; and to have the CHP staff collaborate with Public Health Service Tribal Councils, the Welfare Department, and County Commissioners to determine the feasibility of introducing the food stamp program onto reservations without terminating the commodity programs. Roughly, the recommendations are broken down into sections relating to: the adequacy of health care to on and off reservation Indians, the unavailability of health care services as a barrier to good health, the adequacy of health services and county health programs, the attitudes of health care providers as a barrier to low income people seeking and getting health care, the costs of getting health services as a barrier for low income people to get good health care, substandard housing, nutrition and clothing as a cause of health problems...

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AREA FIVE REPORTS
ON LOW INCOME PROJECT

Colvin Agnew, M.D., Billings, chairman of the South Central Areawide Health Planning Council, discussed with the Advisory Council efforts being made by the areawide health planning organization, the Yellowstone Medical Foundation, area physicians and numerous volunteers to provide some kind of health care to the working poor of Billings. Dr. Agnew indicated that although there were many undeveloped parts to the program that a concentrated effort was being made to provide health care to those who are not eligible for public assistance and yet cannot afford adequate medical treatment. Although provision for drugs and hospitalization have not been solved, such problems as transportation - a critical need for the poor and near poor in procuring adequate medical care - has been planned for. According to Dr. Agnew, the program will be run at no expense to those eligible for care.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL REQUESTS
ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS

The State Advisory Council passed a motion at its December meeting requesting that the Governor and the State Budget Director restore funds trimmed from proposed environmental budgets of the Department of Health for the next biennium. The Advisory Council had approved and urged funding of these budgets at its June meeting.

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